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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: SSCI Chairman's Briefing on Panama

1. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) Staff Director Rob Simmons, at COB this date verbally requested, on behalf of SSCI Chairman Barry Goldwater (R., AZ), that the DDCI be prepared to deliver a briefing on the Panamanian election and its implications at the SSCI markup of the CIA budget on Tuesday, 10 April 1984, in S-407, the Capitol.

2. As background, Simmons said that Senator Goldwater had been talking to his military "sources" who have increased his apprehensions about Panama. (Simmons specifically referred to page 16 of the 6 April 1984 DINSUM.) The Senator allegedly is concerned regarding the election and what it may mean for US' future equities there. Although a private briefing was recommended to Senator Goldwater, he firmly chose the option of having the DDCI brief SSCI Members participating in the 10 April Agency budget markup. Simmons suggested the Chairman's interests are:

-What is the DDI analysis of the Panama election?
-What are the implications for the US of a win by any of the candidates?
-Post-election implications for intelligence and military installations and the canal?

3. Simmons mentioned that attendance at markups always has been 'tight" (restricted), but as a courtesy in the past Chairman Goldwater has invited the DCI or the DDCI (usually the latter) to "sit in" in the event his expertise is needed.

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4. O/DDCI was informed of the fact of the Panama briefing request by telephone just prior to COB today. Chief/Senate Liaison dropped in on EA/DDCI after returning from the Hill after COB to make certain the request was known.

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Chief, Senate Liaison

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